

Lecture 23

Plan: 1) finish stating ellipsoid
2) Analyze ellipsoid
3) Apply to LP.

Analysis of ellipsoid

Recall main lemma:

Volume Lemma: Let E' be ellipsoid after E in the algorithm.

Then:

$$\text{vol}(E') \leq e^{-\frac{1}{2(n+1)}} \text{vol}(E).$$

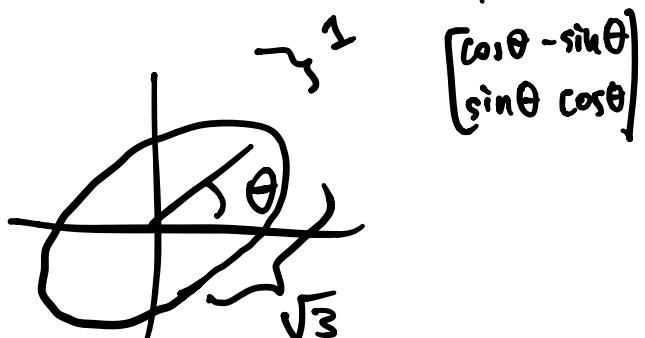
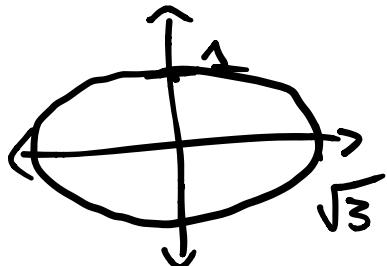
Before proving, some preliminaries:

Def: Given a center $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$ & a positive-definite matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ the ellipsoid

$$E(e, A) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : (x - e)^T A^{-1} (x - e) \leq 1\}.$$

e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\tilde{A} = R(\theta) A R(\theta)^T$

$$a = (0, 0)$$



Recall: Matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ positive-definite
if symmetric ($A^T = A$) and
 $x^T A x > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$.

Equivalent conditions: Let A be
a symmetric matrix. Then:

- A P.D.
- $\Leftrightarrow \exists B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ s.t. $A = B^T B$
- $\Leftrightarrow A^{-1}$ P.D. ($A^{-1} = B^{-1}(B^{-1})^T$)
- $\Leftrightarrow A$ has n orthonormal
eigenvectors w/ positive
eigenvalues.

Facts about ellipsoids:

- They are
Affine transformations
(linear map + translation)
of unit spheres

$$E(0, I) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^T x \leq 1\}.$$

Proof:

$$\text{Let } A = B^T B,$$

$$E(0, I) = T E(e, A)$$

where T is affine bijection

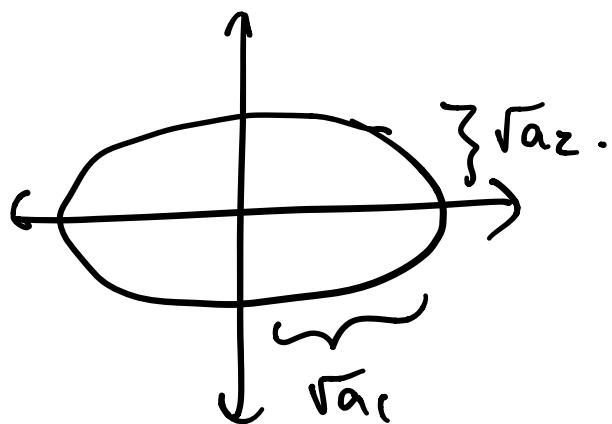
$$T: x \mapsto y := (B^{-1})^T (x - e).$$

$$y^T y \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow (x - e)^T B^{-1} (B^{-1})^T (x - e) \leq 1$$

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$$(x - e)^T A^{-1} (x - e)$$

- Volume: if $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_n \end{bmatrix}$,
i.e. $E(e, A)$ "coordinate aligned",
then
 $\text{vol } E(e, A) = \sqrt{a_1 \dots a_n} \text{ vol } E(0, I)$



(because $\text{vol } E(e, A) = \text{vol } E(0, A)$,

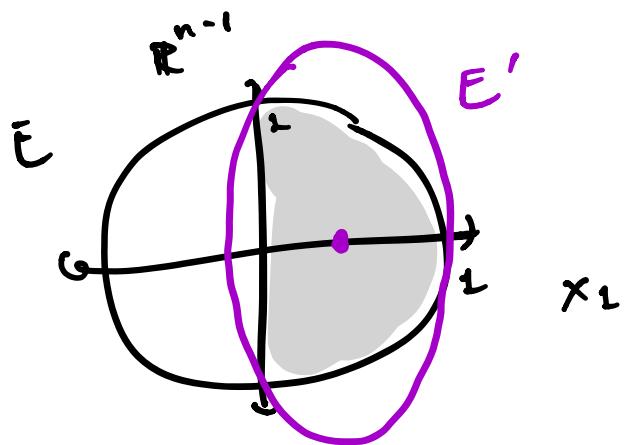
$$\& \quad B^{-1} E(0, A) = E(0, I)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{vol } E(e, A) = \det B \text{ vol } E(0, I)$$

$$= \sqrt{\det A} \text{ vol } E(0, I) = \sqrt{a_1 \dots a_n} \text{ vol } E(0, I).$$

Proof of Volume Lemma:

- Begin with case where $E = E(0, I)$ (unit sphere) and inequality is $x_i \geq 0$.



- Claim: We can take

$$E' = \left\{ x : \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 \left(x_1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^2 + \frac{n^2-1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n x_i^2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

i.e. $E' = E(a, A)$ where $a = (\frac{1}{n+1}, 0, \dots, 0)$
 and $A = \text{diag}((\frac{n}{n+1})^2, \frac{n}{n^2-1}, \dots, \frac{n}{n^2-1})$.

Proof of claim:

- Need to show $E \cap \{x : x_1 \geq 0\} \subseteq E'$.
- Let $x \in E \cap \{x : x_1 \geq 0\}$. Then want to
show
 ≤ 1 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 \underbrace{\left(x_1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^2}_{\text{expand}} + \frac{n^2-1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n x_i^2 \\
 &= \frac{n^2 + 2nt + t^2}{n^2} x_1^2 - \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 \frac{2x_1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{n^2-1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n x_i^2 \\
 &\quad \cancel{\text{move } \frac{n^2-1}{n} x_1} \\
 &= \frac{2nt+2}{n^2} x_1^2 - \frac{2n+2}{n^2} x_1 + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{n^2-1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \\
 &\quad \downarrow \text{collect}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2n+2}{n^2} x_i(x_i - 1) + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{n^2-1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

$\underbrace{\leq 0}_{\leq 1}$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{n^2-1}{n} \leq 1.$$

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- Proof of volume lemma
 in this case:

$$\text{vol } E(e, A) = \sqrt{a_1 \dots a_n} E(0, I)$$

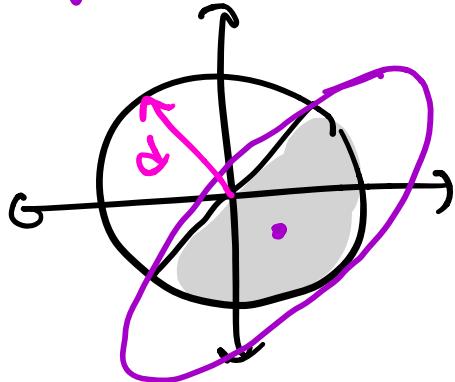
$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{n}{n^2-1} \cdots \cdot \frac{n}{n^2-1}}$$

$$= \frac{n}{n+1} \left(\frac{n^2}{n^2-1}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2-1}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$$

$$\leq e^{-\frac{1}{n+1}} e^{\frac{n-1}{2(n^2-1)}}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{n+1}} e^{+\frac{1}{2(n+1)}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2(n+1)}}. \quad \square$$

- What if we have some other inequality $\tau x \leq 0$?

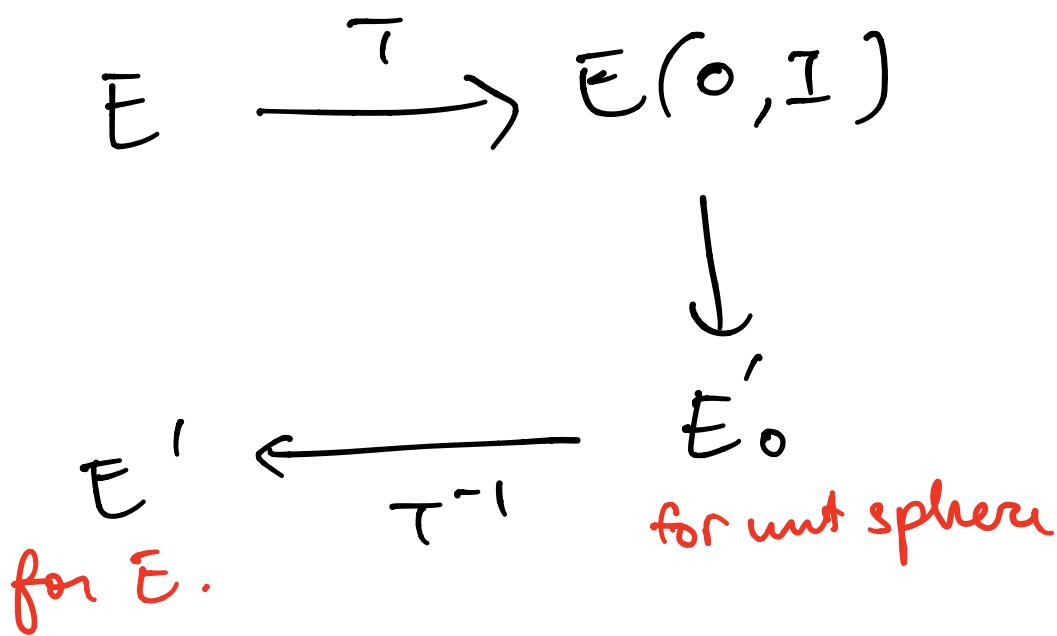


- ▷ Can assume $\|d\|=1$ by $d \leftarrow \frac{d}{\|d\|}$
- ▷ Figure out E' by rotating so $d = e_1$, then rotating back; shows ratio still $\leq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(n+1)}\right)$.

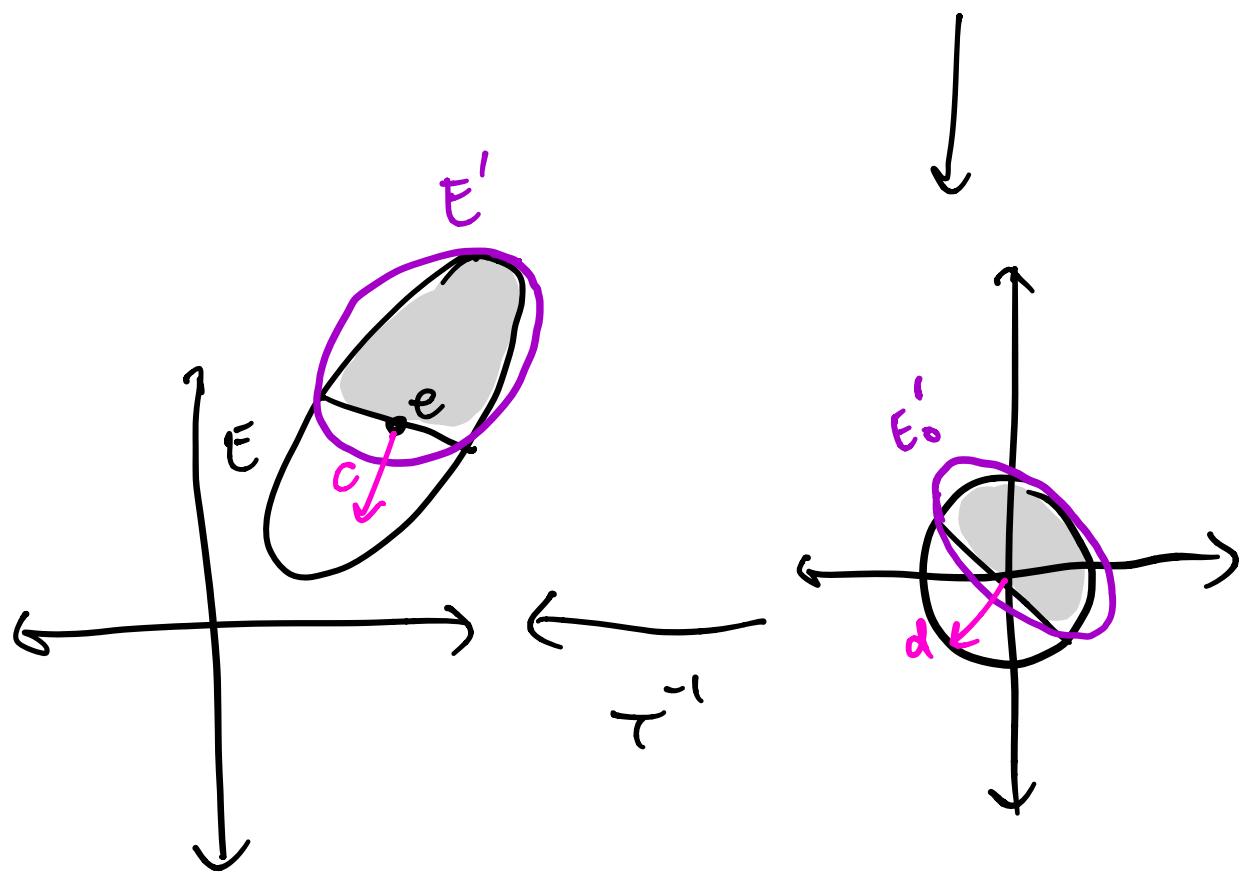
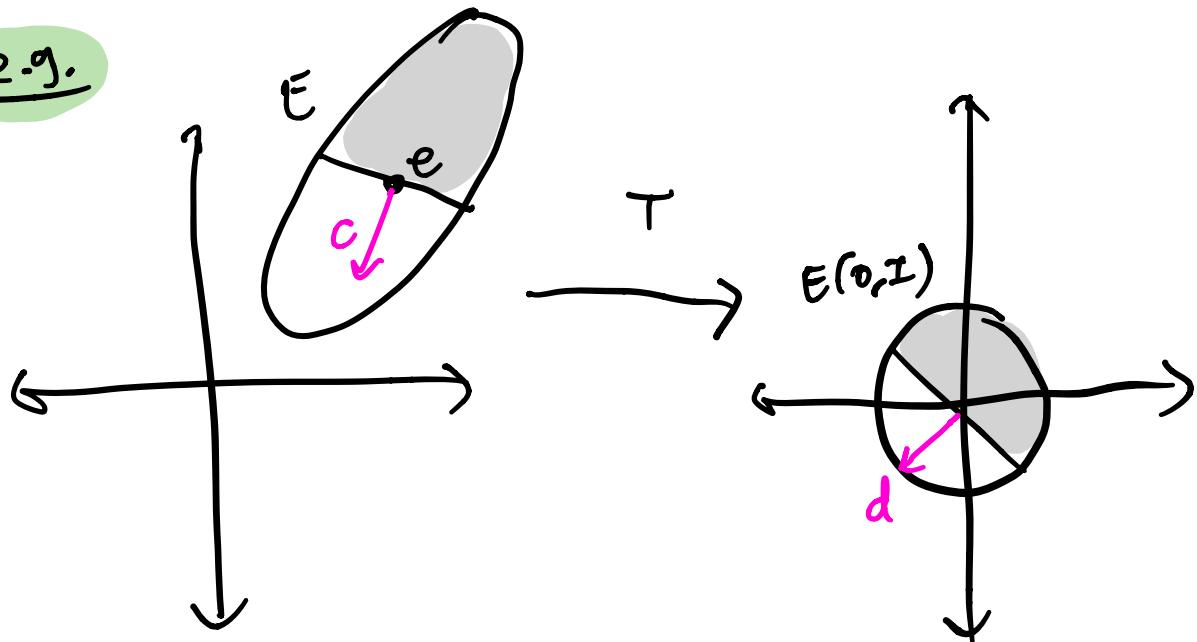
▷ End up with $E' = E\left(-\frac{1}{n+1}d, F\right)$,

$$F = \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \left(I - \frac{2}{n+1} dd^\top \right).$$

- What if E not unit sphere? Use affine transformation \bar{T} ; preserves ratios of volumes.



e.g.



- Now

$$\frac{\text{vol } E'}{\text{vol } E} = \frac{\text{vol } T^{-1} E'_0}{\text{vol } E}$$

$$= \frac{\text{vol } E'_0}{\text{vol } E(0, I)} \leq e^{-\frac{1}{2(n+1)}}.$$

Completes proof of volume part. □.

How to compute E' ?

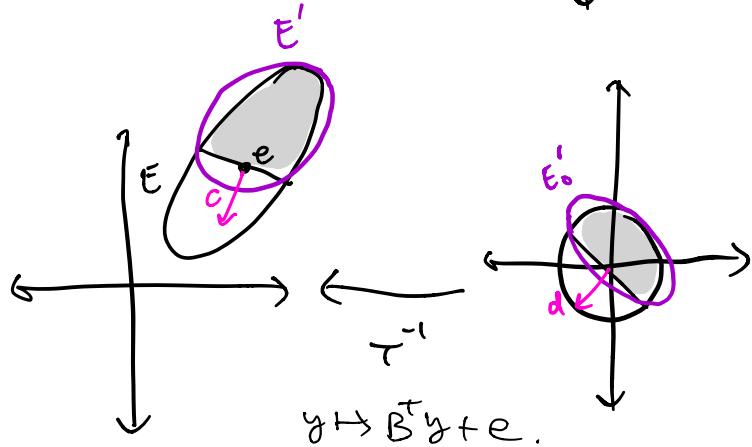
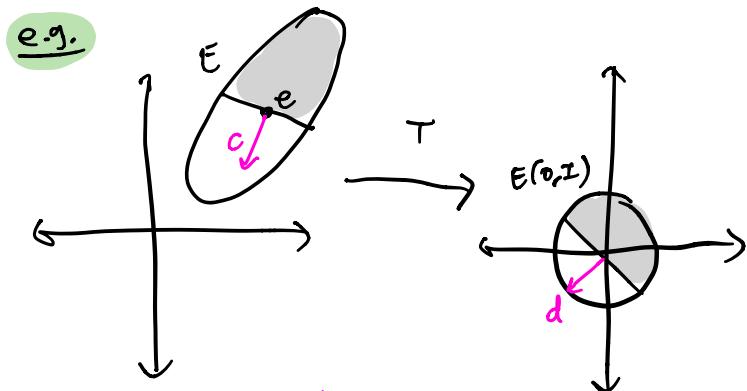
- We pretty much saw how in the proof of volume lemma.

- Let's carefully compute where things go under T, T^{-1} .

If $E = E(\epsilon, A)$, recall

$$T: x \mapsto y := (\bar{B}^{-1})^T (x - e).$$

has $TE = E(0, I)$, where $A = \bar{B}^T B$.



- First find d. Under τ ,

$$\{x : C^\tau x \leq C^\tau e\} \underset{\tau}{\rightarrow} \{y : C^\tau (e + B^\tau y) \leq C^\tau e\}$$

$$= \{y : C^\tau B^\tau y \leq 0\} = \{y : d^\tau y \leq 0\},$$

for $d = \frac{Bc}{\sqrt{C^\tau B^\tau Bc}} = \frac{Bc}{\sqrt{C^\tau A c}}$.

- Recall that

$$\bar{E}_0' = E\left(\frac{-d}{n+1}, \frac{n^2}{n^2-1} \left(I - \frac{2}{n+1} dd^\top\right)\right)$$

- Let $b = B^\tau d = \frac{Ac}{\sqrt{C^\tau Ac}}$;

Applying T^{-1} to E_0' yields

$$\begin{aligned} E' &= E\left(e - \frac{1}{n+1}b, \frac{n^2}{n^2-1}B^\top \left(I - \frac{2}{n+1}dd^\top\right)B\right) \\ &= E\left(e - \frac{1}{n+1}b, \frac{n^2}{n^2-1}\left(A - \frac{2}{n+1}bb^\top\right)\right). \\ &\quad (\textcolor{red}{T^{-1}y = B^\top y + e.}) \end{aligned}$$

Ellipsoid (concretely):

- Initialize $E = E(e, A) = E_0 \cap P$.

- While $e \notin P$:

- ▷ Let $c^\top x \leq c^\top e$ valid inequality for P (returned by SEP oracle).

- ▷ Let $b = \frac{Ac}{\sqrt{c^\top Ac}}$.

▷ Set $e \leftarrow e - \frac{1}{n+1} b$.

▷ Set $A \leftarrow \frac{n^2}{n^2-1} \left(A_k - \frac{2}{n+1} bb^T \right)$.

Analysis summary:

After k iterations,

$$\text{Vol } E \leq e^{-\frac{k}{2(n+1)}} \text{Vol } E_0.$$

\Rightarrow

terminates in \leq

$$2(n+1) \log \frac{\text{Vol } E_0}{\text{Vol } P}$$

steps.

Linear programming: